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1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Major Jacobson	Army
Lieut. Madden	Navy
Major Malone	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Vice Chairman)

2. The Chairman announced the appointment of Lt. Colonel Milton O. Picknell as Senior Department of the Army Representative on the NIS Committee to replace Colonel William C. Jesse who is leaving Washington on permanent change of station. Appointment of Colonel Picknell is effective 13 August 1954.

3. Annual Report of the NIS Program

The Chairman made available to the members for examination advanced copies of the Annual Report of the NIS Program for Fiscal Year 1954, which includes a summary of production for Fiscal Years 1952 and 1953 (during which no annual reports were issued), and an analysis of replies to the NIS Questionnaire. He pointed out that the report was written in his capacity as NIS Coordinator and therefore does not require Committee approval, although he hoped that it reflects the Committee's general views. The members were in agreement that the report presented a well-rounded picture of the program, its accomplishments, and the major problems still confronting it. They considered that the analysis of the replies to the NIS Questionnaire, together with the individual agencies' analyses, will admirably serve the Committee in planning for the further development of the NIS Program.

The Chairman said that copies of the annual report will be sent to the members as soon as the DCI had released the official copies to the IAC members.

4. Release of NIS to USIA

All members reported agreement by their agencies for the release of NIS to the United States Information Agency in accordance with the recommendations of the "USIA Intelligence Survey" (refer to paragraph 8 of NIS Committee Meeting No. 175). In further connection with that Survey, the Chairman read a memorandum dated 17 August 1954 from the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, as follows:

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"MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Interagency Defector Committee
Chairman, National Intelligence Survey Committee
Chairman, Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications

SUBJECT : USIA Participation in Subcommittee Activities

REFERENCE : "Report of the Survey of Intelligence Needs and Assets of the USIA", IAC-D-82/1, 5 August 1954

1. In Mr. Dulles' absence I should like to advise you that he has recently approved a recommendation, contained in Part 3, paragraph d, page 10 of referenced report, that the USIA be invited to participate in pertinent activities of the IAC subcommittees on basic intelligence, defectors, and foreign language publications.

2. Consequently, I call your attention to referenced report and request that, whenever matters within the purview of USIA are to be discussed by your committees, you invite USIA participation.

/s/ C. P. Cabell
/t/ C. P. CABELL
Lieutenant General, USAF
Acting Director"

The Chairman observed that no immediate action was necessary in respect to this memorandum. However, when the USIA has developed an intelligence component, it will be necessary for the Committee to take into consideration the basic intelligence requirements of USIA which were not satisfied by the NIS.

5. Proposed Revision of Chapter IX Outline

The State, Navy and Air Force members reported that their agencies approved the proposed revision to the Outline of Chapter IX (refer to paragraph 7 of NIS Committee Meeting No. 175). The Army member said that Army components were still reviewing the proposal. He will report his agency's views as soon as possible. In view of the large number of Chapters IX in production, the Chairman said he had given tentative approval to the Chapter IX Coordinator to proceed under the new outline pending final action by the Committee.

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6. Contributions to Section 25

The Chairman noted that the formal requirement for contributions to Section 25 (refer to paragraph 5 of NIS Committee Meeting No. 175) involves:

- a. Agreement by State, Air Force and the CIA to fulfill the requirement, and
- b. Change of allocation for Section 25 (Urban Areas) from "Army" to "Army (with joint assistance)".

The State and Air Force members reported their agencies accepted the responsibility to fulfill to the extent of available information the requirement as set forth in the Chapter II Coordinator's memorandum of 9 July 1954. The Chairman said that the Office of Collection and Dissemination had accepted the requirement for CIA. The requirement should be laid on by Army as far in advance as possible so that OCD would have time to explore all sources. The requirement for each area should be transmitted through the Army Coordinator, G-2 to the Chairman, who would pass it on to OCD.

The Army member said that the requirement would be subject to modification as necessary to deal with situations arising in various NIS areas. Also, the requirement may change with broader experience in the development of Section 25. It might also be necessary in the future to call upon other agencies for contributions to the section. The Committee agreed that the requirement should be viewed in this light and approved the change of allocation for the production of Section 25 from "Army" to "Army (with joint assistance)".

7. Request by F.O.A. for NIS

In considering F.O.A.'s request for NIS on new chapters and areas, the Committee at its last meeting wished to determine whether or not F.O.A. receives the necessary NIS it requires through MSA channels. The Vice-Chairman reported that he investigated the matter and found that only the Military Advisor to the Director, F.O.A. has access through MSA channels to NIS not otherwise made available to F.O.A. F.O.A. staff members are unable under this procedure to have access to these NIS. Therefore, the availability of NIS to the Military Advisor does not satisfy the new requirements of F.O.A.

Discussion by the Committee revealed that F.O.A.'s justification for the additional NIS does not satisfy the policy and security officials in the Defense agencies because:

- a. These officials appear to give consideration only to areas in which F.O.A. is actually operating, rather than consideration to the much broader world front in which the F.O.A. is potentially involved.

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- b. F.O.A.'s justification for additional NIS fails to include the broader considerations of intelligence support necessary to fulfill F.O.A.'s missions and responsibilities.

The Committee agreed that F.O.A. should present a new justification for NIS support based on these broader considerations of world-wide responsibilities. The Chairman undertook to follow up this matter with F.O.A.

8. Chapter VII coverage

The Chairman distributed to the members copies of a memorandum from the Chairman, Scientific Estimates Committee, subject: SEC Forecast of NIS Areas Requiring Scientific Intelligence Coverage, dated 16 August 1954. This paper is an appraisal of NIS requirements for all world areas. Essentially it would restrict Chapter VII coverage to six areas, all in the Soviet Bloc, and Section 17 coverage to the aforementioned and 16 additional areas. The Chairman requested the members to study the memorandum and obtain their agencies' views for the next meeting.

9. NIS Production Planning Requirements

The Committee determined that the present NIS Production Schedules do not fully satisfy the long range production planning requirements of the contributors, who need a longer span to more fully develop collection requirements. It was therefore decided to establish a long range production planning schedule which would outline the order of area production by NIS topic without relating the list to definite production dates. Thus, each contributor would have sufficient information to lay on collection requests and to plan for production capabilities. The order of area production would be the basis for formulating the yearly production schedules.

10. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at the call of the Chairman.

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